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SUBJECT: TOKYO MEDIA REACTION - PAKISTAN

LEAD STORIES: All Monday papers gave top play to the main opposition party Democratic Party of Japan President Ozawa's expression of his intention to resign as party leader.

"Concern about Tension in Pakistan" The economic-oriented Nikkei editorialized (11/5):
"Pakistani President Musharraf announced the emergency decree on Saturday. Although he explained that the move is aimed at maintaining the unity of the state, the move appears, in effect, to be a declaration of martial law and could further destabilize the nation. Concern is growing about the rising tension in Pakistan in view of the fact that the nation stands at the frontline of the war on terrorism and possesses nuclear arms... Motives to prolong his hold on power appear to lay behind Musharraf's announcement of emergency rule... The US has been calling on Musharraf to carry out a general election as scheduled and resign as the Army Chief of Staff by saying that Washington will not support an undemocratic approach. However, the USG, while criticizing the emergency decree, will likely continue to cooperate with Musharraf, given that Pakistan is an important partner for the US in the war on terror."

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